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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3109**  
Toshiharu ARISHIMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0961A  
Serial No. 10/583,382 : Group Art Unit 1617  
Filed June '19, 2006 : Examiner Timothy E. Betton  
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**REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP-1617**

Sir:

Applicants are submitting, concurrently herewith, a response to the Office Action of March 24, 2009, which they feel places the application in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that there are still issues remaining before the application can be allowed, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging an interview, before issuing another Office Action.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.*

Respectfully submitted,

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